

Convention, Accuracy metrics, Classification, Regression

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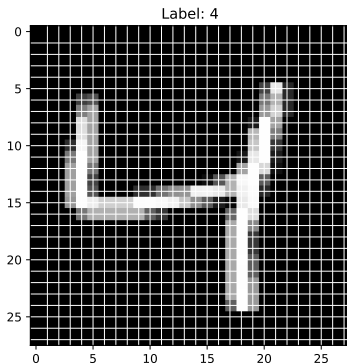
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Notebook: rule-based-vs-ml.html



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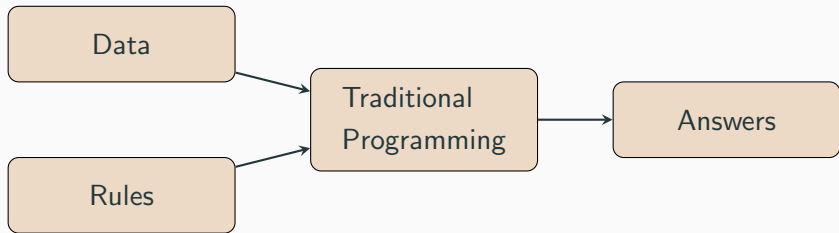
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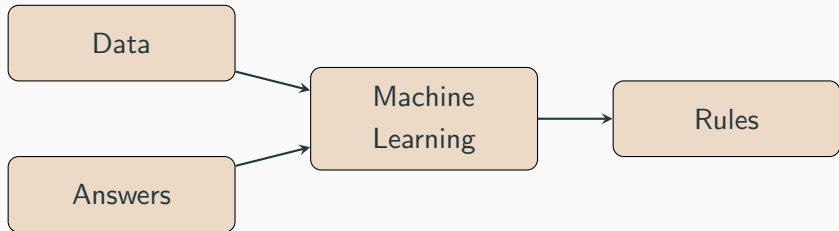
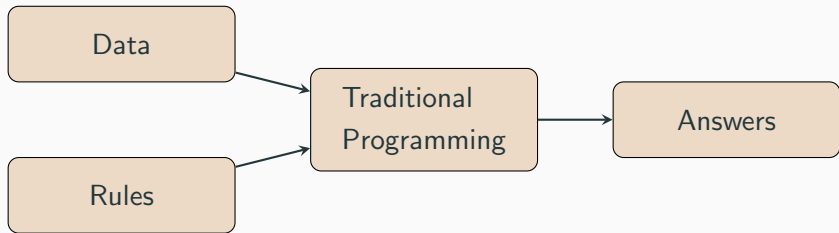
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First ML Task: Grocery store tomatoes quality prediction

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Dataset

Imagine you have some past data on quality of tomatoes.

| Sample | Colour | Size | Texture | Condition |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|-----------|
| 1 | Orange | Small | Smooth | Good |
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3. Thus, we can also write $\mathcal{D} = \{(x_i^T, y_i)\}_{i=1}^N$

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Estimate condition for unseen tomatoes (#5, 6) based on data set.

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Testing Set

Testing set is similar to training set, but, does not contain labels for output variable.

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- No! Since, the test set is only a sample from all possible inputs.

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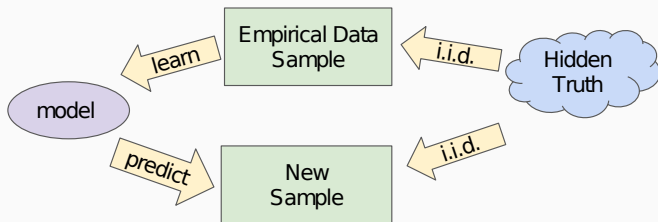


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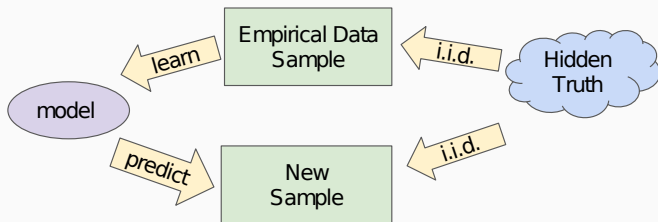


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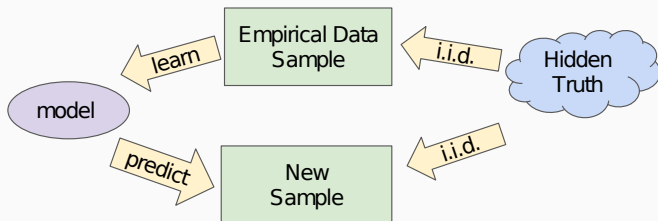


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More discussion later once we study bias and variance

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Metrics for Classification

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
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Ground Truth: From the actual training set

Prediction: Made by the model

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|---|------|
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$$\text{Recall} = \frac{||y = \hat{y} = \text{Good}||}{||y = \text{Good}||} = \frac{2}{3} = 0.67$$

“the fraction of the total amount of relevant instances that were actually retrieved”

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$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{98}{100} = 0.98$$

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$$F\text{-Score} = \frac{2 \times \text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

Accuracy Metrics: Matthew's Correlation Coefficient

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$$\text{Matthew's correlation coefficient} = \frac{TP \times TN - FP \times FN}{\sqrt{(TP + FP)(TP + FN)(TN + FP)(TN + FN)}}$$

Accuracy Metrics: Example

For the data given below, calculate:

| | G.T. Positive | G.T. Negative |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Pred Positive | 90 | 4 |
| Pred Negative | 1 | 1 |

Precision = ?

Recall = ?

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Matthew's Coeff. = ?

Accuracy Metrics: Answer

For the same data

| | G.T. Positive | G.T. Negative |
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$$\text{Precision} = \frac{90}{94}$$

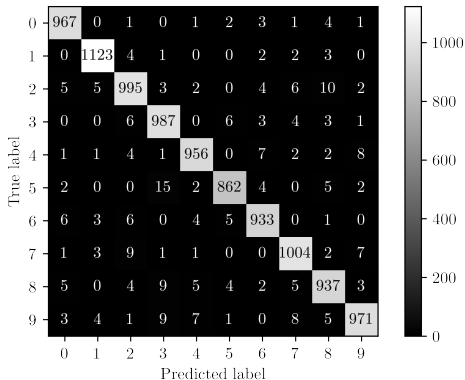
$$\text{Recall} = \frac{90}{91}$$

$$\text{F-Score} = 0.9524$$

$$\text{Matthew's Coeff.} = 0.14$$

Confusion Matrix for multi-class classification

Notebook: [confusion-mnist.html](#)



Metrics for Regression MSE & MAE

| Prediction (\hat{y}) | Ground Truth (y) |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 10 | 20 |
| 20 | 30 |
| 30 | 40 |
| 40 | 50 |
| 50 | 60 |

$$\text{Mean Squared Error (MSE)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2}{N}$$

$$\text{Root Mean Square Error (RMSE)} = \sqrt{\text{MSE}}$$

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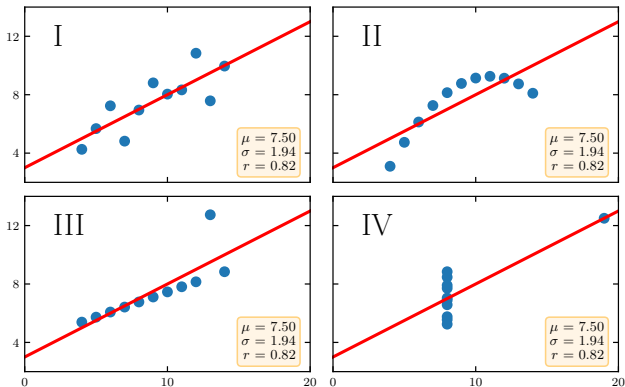
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Errors can get cancelled out

The Importance of Plotting

Notebook: [anscombe.html](#)



Anscombe's Quartet

Notebook: `dummy-baselines.html`

The Importance of Plotting

| Property | Value | Accross datasets |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| mean(X) | 9 | exact |
| mean(Y) | 7.5 | upto 3 decimal places |
| Linear regression line | $y = 3.00 + 0.500x$ | upto 2 decimal places |